

## SITUATION

- (b) (7)(E) has been gathering intelligence on this area tracking bandit incidents, shootings, (b) (7)(E) reports of bandit activity and armed narcotics loads to include logging bandit caches and marking NAI's.
- No patterns except a stretch of weekend RIPS for several months however the areas of the RIPS were sporadic.
- Finally caught a break with game cam pictures of the bandits using the same trail which falls into a concentrated target area with numerous incidents and NAI's.
- Possible link to ranches/residences that will be exploited.

## MISSION

- TUCSON (b) (7)(E) and SOG attachments will conduct a special reconnaissance/interdiction operation targeting the bandit activity operating in the extended (b) (7)(E) area starting 15 SEP 2010 in order to identify and dismantle the organization conducting the bandit RIPS.

# OBJECTIVES

- **Special Reconnaissance/Interdiction Operation in order to:**
  - Gather intelligence on current bandit activity in the area and interdict bandits. (Priority objective)
  - Gather intelligence on the organization conducting RIPS and moving narcotics loads through this corridor to facilitate an investigation into the organization.
  - When tactically feasible and without compromising priority objective, targets of opportunity are authorized. Armed narcotics loads in target area. Narcotics loads and (b) (7)(E) moving through and out of the target area.

# Concept of the Operation

- This will be a two-phased operation
  - PHASE I: Conduct extended Recce/Interdiction operations in order to determine criminal element TTPs, routes, ingress/egress locations, scouts, load drivers and stash houses to identify infrastructure and narrow bandit target area.
  - (b) (7)(E)

# General Patterns

- No specific patterns to date except more active during hunting season
- Nov 2009 to Feb 2010 conducted RIPS on weekends but not within a concentrated area.
- Current intelligence collected has recently narrowed the target area
- Expected to move again

- In 2007, bandit group operated in target area. (b) (7)(E) apprehended several bandits to include a shooting incident thus shifting the bandits
- In 2008, bandit group operated west of the target area just west of (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) apprehended several bandits and the group shifted back to the east.
- In 2009 and 2010, the bandit group has been operating in a large area from the (b) (7)(E) area to the (b) (7)(E) area to include the (b) (7)(E) area and the (b) (7)(E). Most recently there has been intelligence gathered to a concentrated area from (b) (7)(E)

# Enemy TTPs

- Specific organization is unknown, In general this organization increasingly uses counter-measures to avoid law enforcement detection. Much of this is done through the use of scanners, hand-held radios, extensive scouting and field craft/tactics normally associated with military units.
- Bandits have generally operated in a (b) (7)(E) element with most members armed with long arms. Bandits typically focus on smuggling trail choke points and utilize rarely traveled high points as hide-sites and staging points. Bandit hide-sites are generally within a mile of a road. Bandits groups are believed to ingress to their target locations on the United States side of the border by vehicle insertion near target areas on roads such as (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E).
- Bandits are armed, usually with long-arms and have shown the willingness to engage law enforcement. They utilize basic field craft techniques for hide sites, movement and contact with alien/narcotics groups. They utilize binos, radios and cell phones. Some exhibit behavior consistent with the use of night optics. Both scouts and bandits will operated in the AO for several days at a time.

# Friendly Forces

- Limited (b) (7)(E) personnel
- (b) (7)(E)(Limited info) (Specific roles tasked by K1 and K2)
- (b) (7)(E) ICE

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- Information on bandit activity
- Actionable information on Load vehicles/ visible loads
- Information on scouts/ pattern of life/ ingress & egress/ reporting means/ capabilities
- Patterns of traffic vic local neighborhoods; types of vehicles; time of day/night; means/times/routes of travel
- Unusual vehicles in area (Plate info if possible)
- Choke points/ Decision points/ Possible Sensor/camera locations  
Scout snatch (capabilities/ commo) Weigh value vs compromise
- Thoroughly debrief groups
- (b) (7)(E)



# DISRUPT PIRs

- Conduct surveillance along (b) (7)(E)
- Attempt to identify illicit traffic that may be associated with the rip crews
- If (b) (7)(E) identifies suspicious traffic, coordinate with (b) (7)(E) units to intercept and investigate.
- Collect and organize all (b) (7)(E) and (b) (7)(E) intelligence collection for future long term operation

# ICE PIRs

- Survey sources
  - Key players
  - Bandit Activity
  - Locations of counter surveillance
  - Possible stash houses
  - Movements and locations of re-supply assets

# Manpower Breakdown

## ■ Lay in teams

- Team 1: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- Team 2: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Terry
- PMO 1: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- PMO 2: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## ■ Observation Teams

- Ocotillo: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (1900-0300) First night 2300-0700
- Scope: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (2000-0400)

## ■ Mobile Units

- 0700-1900: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- 1900-0700: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

# Specific Responsibilities

- Drivers

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Team 1 ( (b) (7)(E) )
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Team 2 ( (b) (7)(E) )
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C): PMO (TBD)

# Hours

- Monday day shift:

- 0700-1500: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

- Tuesday:

- Mobile Units 0000-0800: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

- Lay Inn Teams:

- Tuesday - Friday: 0000-0800 reg  
0800-1600 ot  
1600-1800 AUO
  - Saturday: 1800-0200 reg  
0200-0400 ot  
0400-0600 AUO